



Seeing Things
Clearly





**Living Like Jesus
in a Broken World**



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- Satan is wreaking havoc
- Christ lives IN us
- Our hope is in heaven



**What it Looks Like to
Be the Church**

Acts 2



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Why is this so Important?

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**What we're doing here
today matters. A lot.**

**If we're not careful, we
can actually lose sight of
what we (the Church) are
even to be about.**

Churches can lose sight
of their purpose.

As that happens—
the people who comprise
the church can really lose
sight of their purpose.









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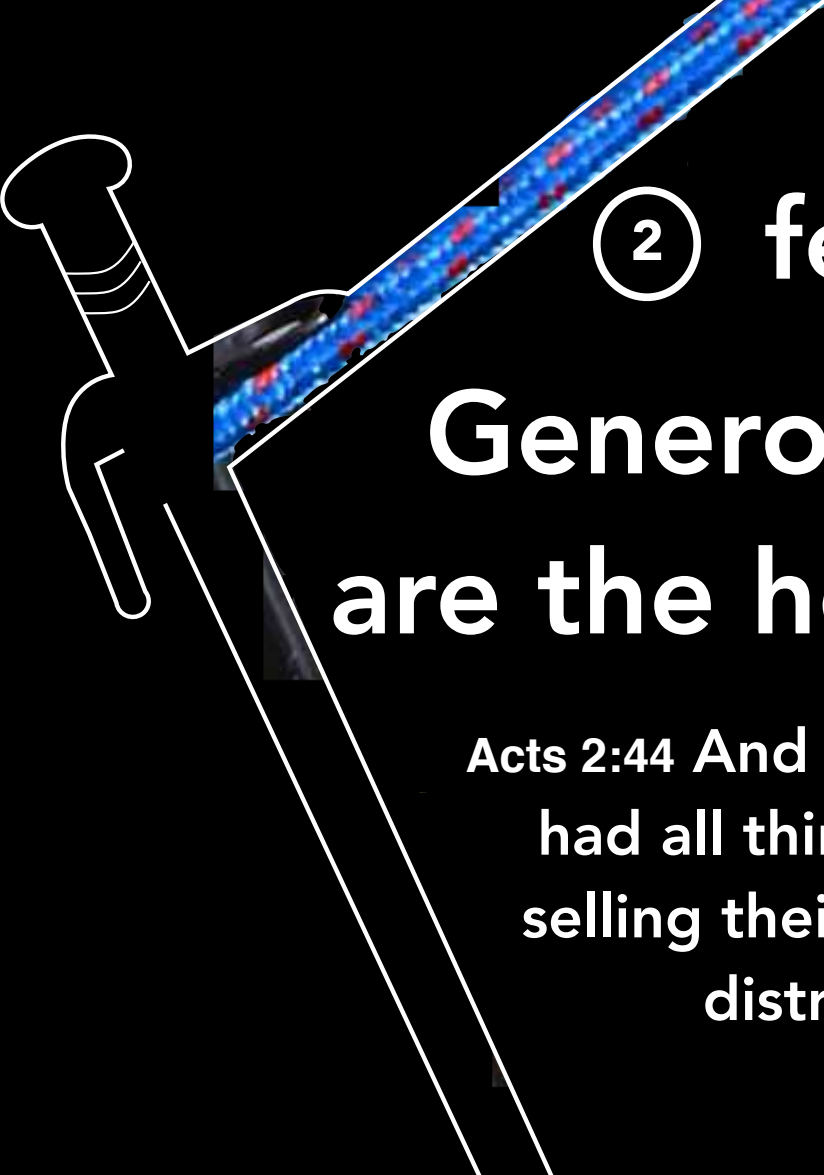
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① the apostles' teaching

The Word of God is where
our power comes from.

Acts 2:43 And awe came upon every soul,
and many wonders and signs were
being done through the apostles.



② fellowship

**Generosity & compassion
are the heartbeat of witness.**

**Acts 2:44 And all who believed were together and
had all things in common. 45 And they were
selling their possessions and belongings and
distributing the proceeds to all,
as any had need.**

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John 13:35

**By this everyone will know that
you are my disciples, if you
love one another."**



③ breaking of bread
**Communion & relationship
are the pathways of love.**

**Acts 2:46 And day by day, attending the temple
together and breaking bread in their homes,
they received their food with glad and generous
hearts, 47 praising God and having favor
with all the people.**



④ prayers

**Communicating with God
is the joy of every believer.**

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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Preference

Situational

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Taste

Cultural

- Focused on the Apostles Teaching
- Experienced supernatural power
- Lived in a state of awe & wonder
- Shared their possessions freely
- Spent time collectively in the temple
- Ate together in homes regularly
- Prayed and praised together

What brings all of this together—
what's the driving force?

I think the key is found in verse 43:

*"Awe (Fear) came upon
every soul."* ESV

There was a joyful,
trembling sense of awe
that you don't trifle
(mess!) with the God
of the Apostles.

**Where are the churches today
of whom Luke could say:**

*"Fear—awe, wonder, trembling
—is upon every soul"?*

**For far too many,
church is all about what
we want.
Not who God is.**

The absence of this fear has a direct effect on the way we accumulate possessions for ourselves, the way we ignore the needy, the way we trivialize fellowship, and the way we play more than we pray.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!



